

# Alaska TEAMSTERS



Local 959 Newsletter

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## A Message from Gary Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer

### OIL AND GAS CREATES UNION OPPORTUNITIES IN ALASKA

Work this winter on the North Slope has been plentiful for our members. The two big projects this winter have been the ConocoPhillips – Willow project and the Santos – Pikka project. This is the second winter for these two massive endeavors, and our membership had the opportunity to contribute to a successful winter season. We have dispatched 670+ members this winter to these two jobs, I can't recall this Local dispatching that many members up north, in all the years I have worked for the Local. With that being said, we have negotiated good increases in the last two contract cycles, plus moving some of the job classifications upward on the Schedule A of the North Slope Agreement, and the members are being rewarded for that hard work when they go to work on these projects.

We compared the 2023 North Slope manhours (December through April) to the 2024 North Slope manhours (same time frame) and found that 2024 had 325,000 more manhours than the year before. That's a lot for just a 5-month timeframe! We think the 2025 winter season should have the same number of manhours, if not more than the 2024 season. The increase in manhours has helped all three of our Trusts: Health & Welfare, Pension, and Training.

All three pipeline companies, Houston Contracting, Doyon Associated, and Price Gregory, were busy, with each having pipeline work. AFC/Nanuq had the most members working for them and were busy building ice roads, gravel roads, and supporting camp operations.

Supporting the Oil and Gas industry has been key to these opportunities for our membership and the main reason we support exploration on the North Slope. Not only do these projects help our construction members, but they also affect our line haul members and our members at Matson and Tote at the Port of Alaska. There is a trickle effect, even beyond that, that affects other sectors of our economy, where fellow Teamsters in Alaska are working.

This broad impact doesn't stop there—it cascades into various other areas of our economy. That's why supporting development on the North Slope means supporting good jobs, strong families, and thriving communities across Alaska.

~ Gary Dixon

*Teamsters Local 959 plays a pivotal role in staffing the Willow & Pikka oil field projects on the North Slope of Alaska. We provide a range of skilled labor essential for its development. During the winter season, we actively recruit and employ members across various specialties to support the project's extensive infrastructure needs such as Construction & Pipeline Drivers, Freight & Line Haul Drivers, and Surveyors.*



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# POLITICAL REPORT

## *Ballot Measure 1 Wins 58–42: Here's What Happens Next for Alaska*



### Ballot Measure 1

Increase minimum wage: The minimum wage for Alaska will increase to \$13.00/hour starting July 1, 2025, \$14.00/hour starting July 1, 2026, and \$15.00/hour on July 1, 2027. Alaska statutes also mandate a gradual cost-of-living adjustment for Alaska's minimum wage every two years based on the percentage of the state's minimum wage. This increase will supersede the cost-of-living adjustment UNTIL July 1, 2027, when the minimum wage hits \$15.00/hour, and then the cost-of-living adjustment will resume. All other statutes tied to minimum wage increases are still in place, such as doubling the minimum wage for starting school bus drivers.

Paid sick leave: The paid sick leave provision has caused the most confusion as far as implementation and how it will be regulated with the carrier of the sick leave policies. However, here is what we do know, employers without a form of paid sick

leave or a paid time off bank are now permitted to allow their employees to earn paid sick leave over time.

Small employers (fewer than 15 employees) are required to allow employees to accrue and use up to 40 hours of sick leave per year. Employers with 15 or more employees are required to allow employees to accrue and use up to 56 hours of sick leave per year. An employee can carry a sick leave balance forward into a new year and must begin to accrue sick leave again. While usage and accrual of sick leave are capped at either 40 or 56 hours per year, an employee's sick leave balance can exceed this.

Employers are not required to pay out accrued sick leave at the end of employment, but if it is not paid out and an employee is rehired within six months of ending employment, they must have their previously held sick leave balance reinstated. Employers can have a policy that allows employees to request a "cash out" of accrued PTO/sick leave. However, employers cannot mandate the payout of yearly sick leave accrual. They must allow sick leaves to roll over from year to year.



The new sick leave policy does not override the previously existing policy if it meets or exceeds the paid sick leave minimums outlined in the legislation.

Opt-out of captive audience meetings: The final pillar of Ballot Measure One prevents employers from retribution or penalizing employees who do not participate in what can be considered a captive audience meeting. If a mandatory meeting is taking place during work hours and is unrelated to work operations, employees do not have to participate. This goes for political and religious meetings.

Employees cannot be forced to pray at work, nor attend a political event they do not support. If they choose not to attend, there can be no retribution because of their choice and their exercising their First Amendment rights. Anti-union meetings are classified as a form of political speech that would fit under this provision. If your workplace hosts a mandatory anti-union meeting, you're allowed to leave that meeting and return to work without retribution from your employer. Please consult your Teamsters Local 959 Business Representative and Shop Steward immediately if this happens.

## On the Campaign Trail

Teamsters Local 959 had the best year with volunteers helping pro-labor candidates win offices on the local and state levels. Membership participation in this is crucial to ensuring our rights in the workplace are protected and not violated. (Right: Bother Tristian Sammons (UPS) at the Youth Summit)

**If you have questions about elections, voting, Local 959 endorsed candidates, Alaska Labor Independent Voter Education—A.L.I.V.E., or the annual A.L.I.V.E. Fall Drawing, please contact Local 959 Political Coordinator, Patrick FitzGerald at [pfitzgerald@akteamsters.com](mailto:pfitzgerald@akteamsters.com) or at (907) 751-8548.**





# BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

## UPDATES—STATEWIDE

~James McMilon, Business Representative, Director of Construction~

**NORTH SLOPE**—The 2024-2025 winter pipeline and construction season was all it was promised and more. Nanuq had over 200 miles of ice roads to construct and a massive gravel haul for the Willow Project. Our pipeline contractors had four different pipeline spreads. Doyon Associated had Willow West Pipeline for ConocoPhillips, and Eileen West End Pipeline for Hilcorp. Houston Contracting had Willow Pipeline East, and Horizontal Directional Drilling across the Colville for ConocoPhillips. Price Gregory International had the Pikka Pipeline project for Santos.

In preparation for this season, we focused on training and recruitment. On the training front, we ramped up apprenticeships with 15 construction drivers and 6 survey technician apprentices. Additionally, we offered NSTC required courses, Hazmat ELDT, skill assessment, CDL upgrades along with CDL B and bus training. These efforts led to our local members going to work on the North Slope directly after training.

Recruitment was an extension of last year's ad campaign and social media efforts, with additional efforts this year to recruit qualified surveyors and heavy equipment tire men. I'm very happy to say we were able to provide all the Teamster manpower that our contractors required this season. This included 600 drivers and over 60 surveyors.

The next hurdle was getting people dispatched and onboard with the Companies and to the job site. The sheer number of people going to work has been a huge undertaking for our staff, but they have taken it in stride, and we have worked together as a fine-tuned machine. From our Dispatchers, Kim Brandenburg and Devin Campbell, Dues Department, and admin staff, along with my fellow construction agents, Antwon Dungy and Alan Baum. Our employers have had growing pains both internally with new staff and externally dealing with client directives, camp and bed space issues, testing facilities, flight schedules, and weather delays. This has caused some confusion and frustration for our members. Our staff went above and beyond to assist our members wherever possible, navigating all these challenges.



North Slope job site visits this season were crucial. I made monthly trips, spending 3 and 4 days each trip to meet with our members, address their concerns, and support and help develop our Shop Stewards. I'd like to recognize the following Shop Stewards: Jason Mather at Houston Contracting, Dario Notti, David Solomon, and Mike Littlefield at Doyon Associated, and Maurice McLaurin and Burke Hart at Price Gregory, for their service to Local 959 and the membership. These gentlemen dealt with and resolved many issues, including camp issues, discipline, pay discrepancies, jurisdictional disputes, and more.

In closing, I would like to recognize the travelers who came to Alaska and filled positions after all our local members went to work. They came from across the country, bringing their experience with pipe stringing, lowboy, fuel spreading, and heavy construction driving. Being able to fill all the positions was the difference in having a successful season. I was told by some of the

travelers that these jobs made a big difference for their families due to the lower-48 work being slow. It was a win-win.

**TRANS ALASKA PIPELINE SYSTEM**—TAPS Contractors Association and The Alaska Petroleum Craft Council reach a new four-year agreement effective January 6, 2025. After several months of negotiations, a historical agreement was reached covering members who work on the five craft TAPS agreements: Houston Contracting, AHTNA Construction, and TCC Valdez. Improvements include a 21% total package increase over the four-year contract, with year one at 6%, a \$2.00 per hour premium for our members who are trained and on the oil spill response plan. Teamster Material Coordinator classification was moved from group 1 to group 1A (additional \$2.00 per hour). Per diem in Valdez increased from \$75 per day to \$130. These increases and contract improvements will keep these legacy jobs competitive for years to come.



# BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (CONT.)

## UPDATES—STATEWIDE

### ~David Nichols, Business Representative~

Teamsters Local 959 developments continue to unfold, reflecting our dedication and collective strength. Here's a snapshot of the latest milestones and initiatives shaping our future.

**PROGRESS WITH AT&T ALASKA**—We are pleased to announce that the AT&T Alaska contract books were delivered 12 days after the previous contract expired. The new agreement officially took effect on November 1, 2024, representing a substantial improvement for our members. AT&T Alaska has shown its commitment to Alaska by strategically investing in its fiber and 5G networks, ensuring a robust presence that will serve the state well into the future.

**COMMITMENT FROM ARCTEC**—ARCTEC remains deeply engaged in its mission to protect our nation's arctic region. Backed by a strong Union contract, our relationship with partners such as the Air Force, ASRC, IBEW 1547, and IUOE 302 remains strong, reinforcing our collective efforts to maintain stability and security across Alaska.

**UPS DEVELOPMENTS**—In recent times, UPS, like many Fortune 500 Companies, has faced challenges. Despite their attempts to sidestep some of the significant achievements we secured through diligent bargaining, Local 959 is unwavering in our commitment to enforce the Agreement. We stand firm against any tactics that undermine our members' rights.

We call upon our members to stay actively engaged in Union activities. Your participation is vital in ensuring that the workplace remains just and the environment remains conducive to a high-quality standard of living with excellent benefits. Together, we can continue shaping UPS into not just a thriving business but also a rewarding place for our members to work.

Our collective intelligence and dedication remain our most powerful tools in advancing the interests of our members. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our cause.

### ~Antwon Dungey, Business Representative~

**ANCHORAGE SAND & GRAVEL**—This spring had a good ending to negotiations for the members at Anchorage Sand & Gravel. Their contract began negotiations late into 2024, with continuous meetings and a cohesive group of Teamsters, management listened. The group secured a 3-year contract renewal and a substantial wage increase. Concrete mixer drivers are at a respectable pay and benefits package with in-town work, two winning combinations.

**HOUSTON CONTRACTING COMPANY & AHTNA CONSTRUCTION** recently renewed their 4-year contract with respectable wage increases to counter the ever-rising cost of living. This winter had very low snowfall compared to years past. Our members were out being safe while battling some ice and snowfall events throughout the region.

Shout out to Member Val Craig! He started his CDL journey several years ago and is working hard to perfect his skillset. I took the opportunity to visit Val on a recent site visit and want to thank him for being safe and commend him for his commitment to continue learning. The Glenallen region has been maintaining business as usual, with more projects and survey work soon.

Our team has been working hard to expand employment opportunities with new contractors around the state, adding positions in existing signatory contractors. If you would like to learn more, contact Local 959's Dispatch: Anchorage (907) 751-8566 / Fairbanks (907) 450-6123.

Teamsters Local 959 hop steward training will be offered this spring to help expand institutional knowledge among the work groups and offer more training to members. This year's School is full but, if you are interested in future events, please reach out to your current union shop steward or Business Representative.

As members prepare to work summertime construction, verify your expiration dates, update your certifications, medical cards, and look into training opportunities. Have a great spring and be safe while enjoying the sunny days ahead.



Val Craig—AHTNA Construction





# BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (CONT.)

## UPDATES—STATEWIDE

### ~Yolandous Williams, Business Representative~

The new year continues to go well, and I want to thank our members for all their hard work throughout the winter as work continues to grow in our barns.

**UNITED PARCEL SERVICE**—We made it through another peak season and were ranked number one in the Air Division for quality service. Many thanks to all who bring their A-Game to work every day. We started the year with some of our senior Package and Air Division Brothers & Sisters retiring after many years of outstanding service. Thank you for all the effort you put into your work. Without you, we could not have shone so brightly in the Gateway. For our new Brothers & Sisters, we can go beyond where our senior members have taken us if we work together and work safely each day. Stay focused on our training and discuss problems and situations as they come up so we may eliminate mistakes in our work areas.

**MV TRANSPORTATION**—We've geared up for Labor talks, surveys are out, and the Committee is coming together to get a plan for contract talks. Make sure you watch the Union board for information as we go through this process. Thank you, members, for your great work driving the roads of Anchorage during the winter season. The weather continued to challenge us every day, but we worked safely to the best of our ability during those months. The Tourist season is almost here, and as it comes, stay focused on our surroundings throughout the city.

**REPUBLIC PARKING**—We have three new employees added to the team. Please help make their transition to the work group successful. In spring and summer, our work picks up as more flights are scheduled at the airport. Make sure we follow our methods in order to give the best service possible. As the workload increases, take your lunch and breaks to help you throughout the day.



Amentum Aircraft Mechanics

### ~Thor Brown, Business Representative~

**AMENTUM**—This spring, the Aircraft Mechanics at Amentum met with the company and other Teamster units from all over the country to successfully negotiate a new agreement. Despite the company's attempts to consolidate different contract locations into one uniform agreement, the committee was able to maintain and improve on language that recognizes Alaska's unique climate and working conditions. Thanks to the group's solidarity, we were able to negotiate an agreement that recognizes the work they do.

**MATSON NAVIGATION, ANCHORAGE**—We have started the negotiation process for the Matson Office agreement. Want to know what's great about negotiating a Union Contract? YOU HAVE RIGHTS! It's called concerted activity, and it's protected by law. Under the National Labor Relations Act, concerted activity refers to employees acting together, or on behalf of others, to improve their wages, hours, and working conditions, or for mutual aid or protection, which is protected from employer retaliation. This is how we successfully negotiate with employers, by working together.

### ~Jarrod Tamez, Business Representative~

**ALSCO ALASKA**—We just wrapped up AlSCO negotiations. We made some huge gains and plenty of favorable rule changes and we didn't give anything up to do it. The economics amount to almost double what was negotiated in the previous two contracts put together. Congratulations to the Bargaining Unit and Committee.

**LYNDEN TRANSPORT**—Steward Eric Pyles has resigned at Lynden to go to work for the Teamsters Training Trust as an Instructor. It's sad to see him go but his addition to the Training Trust is something to be celebrated. Thank you for representing the interests of the Bargaining Unit at Lynden in Fairbanks and congratulations.

**RNDC**—It's been rough in the Fairbanks warehouse. The Company laid off the bulk of its warehouse and ended its nightshift operations. The Union bargained for severance pay for the affected individuals and there are significant shrinking pains to address.

**SOURDOUGH FUEL**—Negotiations will be ongoing through the summer. This group is significantly behind what the market is paying CDL holders and Fuel drivers. Sourdough is owned by a larger company, which is owned by another larger corporation. They have deep pockets and lots of resources. This contract will be a hard fight, but this group is ready, and they stand together like no other group I've seen before. We are all proud of them.

*By the time you read this, I will have resigned my employment with Teamsters Local 959. The three years I have served as a Business Representative have been the most rewarding of my life. I've come to refer to this next chapter as my "interim retirement". I think I'll try my hand at farming. See you on the beach, amigos!  
Buy Bitcoin, Jarrod*

# BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (CONT.)

## UPDATES—STATEWIDE

~Norm Blair, Business Representative~

**MATSON NAVIGATION, KODIAK**—We have two new stewards, Pio Timu and James Pruitt, two competent stewards who will try to fill the shoes of Sid Pruitt, who is retiring after 28 years of service.

**SIX MILE NIKA JV, KODIAK**—The members are working hard to support the Company, serve their customers, and overcome the growing pains. Our negotiations committee did an excellent job returning from the table with some very favorable outcomes. They negotiated a 22% increase in wages within the next 3 years, an increase in health and welfare contributions, an increase in pension, an increase in premiums, and some good additions to the working rule. The members overwhelmingly approved the contract, which took effect on January 1 of this year.

**SOUTHEAST STEVEDORING**—The contract ends this year, and we have been meeting this April to negotiate a new contract in Juneau. Our committee members are eager to meet and to come back with a good contract.

**PACIFIC ARCTIC RAILWAYS & NAVIGATION**—The 2025 season has started in Skagway, and the members were called back to work in March. They expect a great tourist season this year, which will keep all our workers very busy. This contract expires in December 2025, and we are expecting to be at the table to negotiate this fall.



Shop Stewards, Walter Baxter & Mike Petrovich—UPS Kenai



Six Mile Nika JV—Janitorial Crew

**UNITED PARCEL SERVICE**—With the holiday season behind us and summer creeping up, the members will be busy working long hours, taking care of our communities.

**CCI KENAI MECHANICS**—This is a newly organized unit, and we are currently at the table to negotiate a brand-new contract.

I encourage anyone looking for a job to visit our Job Board on our website at [WWW.AKTEAMSTERS.COM/JOB-BOARD](http://WWW.AKTEAMSTERS.COM/JOB-BOARD) to see what is available. As always, I am looking for electricians, boiler tenders, and HVAC workers.

## ✧Faithful Servant Leaders: Union Stewards✧

The shop stewards are very knowledgeable of their contracts and are the local leaders at the work site, whom the members turn to at the worksite level for a variety of reasons for both work and personal situations. They are knowledgeable, have resources, and have the confidence of the Union and the Members to enforce the contract and to ensure its adherence. The stewards and their Union are the ones who the members rely on to carry the torch of a just, fair, and safe workplace, and this job comes with many rough roads but also with the gratification of a job well done. These faithful servant leaders do the job without any personal gains but for the betterment and support of our hard-working members, so they can grow and feel included and valued. Thank you to ALL stewards, especially to my stewards.

James Crane Six Mile Nika JV	Ben Watkins Six Mile Nika JV	Sean Costello Six Mile Nika JV
Amanda Culbert Six Mile Nika JV	Pio Timu Matson Navigation	James Pruitt Matson Navigation
Mike Herter Matson Navigation	Gary Roberts Brechan Construction	Roy Chavarria United Parcel Service
Mike Petrovich United Parcel Service	Walter Baxter United Parcel Service	Daniel Fowler United Parcel Service
Joey Winger United Parcel Service	Heath Smith United Parcel Service	Caleb Mickel United Parcel Service
Thomas Cochran Pacific Arctic Railways & Navigation	David Gerlach Pacific Arctic Railways & Navigation	Victor Voit Catholic Community Services
Ray Waters Lynden Transport	Richard Graves CCI Industrial Services	Tom Cochran Southeast Stevedoring
John Blackman CCI Industrial Services	Mitchel Halverson Weaver Bros.	<i>THANK YOU!</i>

# BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (CONT.)

## UPDATES—STATEWIDE

### ~Devin Campbell, Anchorage Dispatcher~

With the busy winter North Slope season ending, please stop in and speak with Dispatch, and make sure all your paperwork is completed for your construction card to be on the out-of-work list.

**REMINDER:** Construction individuals, if you are looking for summer construction work, you need to have a current construction card and be current on your dues. To be able to bid on any summer construction work, you must be present at Open Call in the FAIRBANKS Dispatch Hall at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday-Friday, or the ANCHORAGE Dispatch Hall at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Looking for non-construction work? Please check our job board at [WWW.AKTEAMSTERS.COM/JOB-BOARD](http://WWW.AKTEAMSTERS.COM/JOB-BOARD). We have a wide range of work throughout the state. If you have any questions, please contact the Lead Dispatcher, Kim Brandenburg, in Fairbanks at (907) 450-6123, or the Anchorage Dispatcher, Devin Campbell, at (907) 751-8568.



Sister Ava Fagan  
Retired ASD Food Service

### ~Derek Musto, Business Representative~

**ASD FOOD SERVICE**—Happy Retirement! Sister Ava Fagan had over 23 years of service and recently retired from the Anchorage School District's food service central kitchen. Over her years with the District, Ava was an active member within our union, frequently attending training sessions, monthly meetings, picnics, and other events. Ava was a shop steward for several years and was a rank-and-file Teamster representing her co-workers' needs on the School District's health care task. Thank you, Sister Ava, for your long career diligently serving and supporting our membership. It is always hard to say goodbye, so instead of goodbye, we look forward to hearing about retirement, as we have no doubt, we will likely see Ava at a membership meeting or union-related function in the future. Thank you for all your years of service, Ava – enjoy your retirement!

**ASD BUS DRIVERS & ATTENDANTS**—Longtime Teamsters Local 959 member and Shop Steward, Brother Louis Mabry, Jr worked at the Anchorage School District as a Teamster school bus driver. Sadly, he passed away in Anchorage on March 5, 2025, peacefully in his sleep. He was born on August 16th in Berlin, Germany. Lou had previously worked for more than twenty years at both Durham and First Student in the Mat-Su Borough as a Teamster school bus driver

and was a long-time union steward. He enjoyed working as a bus driver. Lou had a happy and optimistic disposition, regularly had a smile on his face, and was a friend to everyone. I was lucky to meet Lou many years ago in a union organizing campaign at First Student and considered him a friend. He was a kind man who cared about those around him. Lou understood the importance of Unionism and was a strong advocate for his coworkers. An extremely active union member, Brother Lou, participated in Union Organizing campaigns, contract negotiations, and most importantly, stood up for his friends and colleagues daily. Lou was a union man through and through. Local 959 mourns the passing of our friend, brother, and colleague, Louis Mabry. He will surely be missed.



## Brother Louis Mabry, Jr.

1967—2025

♥ Always Remembered, Never Forgotten ♥

### ~Kelsey Taylor, Business Representative~

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE (MOA)** – We are currently making big strides towards ensuring reliable and correct payroll through the many integrated systems the MOA uses to process paychecks. This campaign has been pushed forward through every means necessary, but real change comes when we empower members so they can demand accountability.



# BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (CONT.)

## UPDATES—STATEWIDE

### ~Kelsey Taylor, Business Representative (cont.)~

Training and education for our members was held at the Union Hall, before and after work, and even during lunch with Shop Stewards. With continued focus on education and empowerment, our members are now able to demand accountability. I would like to give a special thanks to two of our Stewards at the MOA, Mark Slack and Chad Kolowski. They have been motivating the entire bargaining unit, often meeting with members before and after work to help. With Teamsters like these, we can move mountains.

**ASD WAREHOUSE & MAINTENANCE** – Tumultuous school funding has created lots of uncertainty for public employees.

With Base Student Allocation being the new political football in Juneau, our Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) has become an even more important part of the job. Teamsters and their families, who work behind the scenes making sure every student has the tools to learn, deserve the security that comes with a Union Contract. Our CBA is the foundation that will ensure we attract and retain the best people to serve in the mission of public education. The important work that these Teamsters do can often be overlooked by the public, but the impact of their work is felt throughout our community.

**DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES, WASILLA** – Teamsters at Durham continue their efforts on behalf of the community, making sure large corporate bus companies provide the tools and equipment to safely and reliably transport our children. Every dollar invested in Teamsters, professional development, new and safer equipment, and locally sourced supplies benefits commerce in the Mat-Su valley. Advocacy is the tool with which we demand that our children's safety be treated with more importance than the Company's profit and loss statement. This group of Teamsters is getting ready for negotiations and will soon kick off collective bargaining. We sincerely hope negotiations go smoothly and that there are no interruptions to service next school year. We call on Durham to do right by our Mat-Su Valley Teamsters.



## TEAMSTER INSPIRATION

### Honoring the Retirement of Shop Steward Frank Holan

by Jeremy Holan

After an incredible 44-year journey with Teamsters Local 959, Shop Steward Brother Frank Holan is retiring in May 2025 from NetCentric Technology, LLC. His dedication, resilience, and leadership as a Shop Steward leave a lasting legacy within our union family.

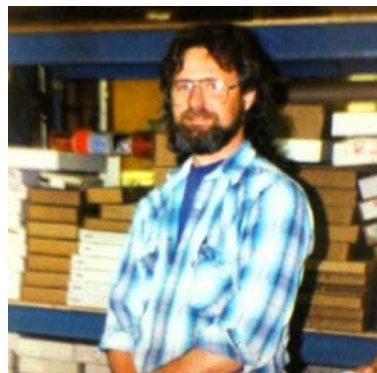
Shop Steward Frank Holan began his Teamster career working for Teamsters Local 959 as a building maintenance worker in the Anchorage office in December 1981. Unfortunately, due to economic issues, he was laid off in May of 1989.

Brother Holan worked for a short time at K&L Distributors and Continental Baking Company, eventually moving to Fairbanks to take a call working at Alascom in July of 1989. Working this job until Alascom decided to restructure, requiring employees to take jobs in other locations outside of Fairbanks, he and his

family decided to stay in Fairbanks, and he took a layoff from Alascom in June of 2000.

Brother Holan went to work for Lockheed Martin on Eielson AFB in June of 2000 and worked there until February 2003. He then went to work at Gilmore Tracking Station for SMI International in February 2003. The name of the contract on site changed multiple times over the years: Aleut Communications, Aleut Global Solutions, ASRC Aerospace, AS&D Inc., Arctic Slope Technical Services Inc., and most recently, NetCentric Technology, LLC.

Brother Holan, your many years of experience as a Teamster Shop Steward will be greatly missed. Enjoy the well-deserved retirement!



Brother Frank Holan  
Alascom, 1989—2000



Brother Frank Holan & Wife Doreen



# BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (CONT.)

## UPDATES—STATEWIDE

~Eileen Whitmer, Business Representative~

### **Fueled by Purpose: Sister Nancy Russell's Lifelong Commitment to Empowering Workers**

Sister Nancy Russell has been a bus driver at Denali National Park since 1995. Before that, she drove a dump truck for the National Park Service. She was part of the successful organizing drive unionizing with Denali National Park Professional Drivers Association (DNPPRO)/Teamsters Local 959 in 1997. She joined the board of directors for DNPPRO in 2014 as Treasurer and is on the Local 959 negotiations committee. Nancy is an integral part of the Doyon/Aramark bargaining unit and uses her wealth of knowledge to help train, supervise, and represent our members. She is tireless and committed to making sure that her coworkers and fellow members are well-represented and informed regarding every aspect of being part of the Union.



### **Sister Sarah Clyce: Powering Progress & Inspiring Unity at Teamsters Local 959**

Sister Sarah Clyce is a proud Teamsters Local 959 member and has been a Tundra Wildlife Tour driver in Denali National Park for Doyon/Aramark since 1999, a Trainer since 2019, and an On the Road Supervisor since 2023. She became an Association Field Representative (AFR) 12 years ago and has promoted herself to head AFR (complete with whistle and clipboard). She has also regularly attended Local 959 shop steward schools to further her knowledge. Sarah started as an at-large board member for Denali National Park Professional Drivers Association and is currently the President. She is also a member of the Local 959 negotiations committee. Sister Clyce consistently goes above and beyond for her members and has taken on leadership roles that make her the go-to person for her coworkers. She is a force to be reckoned with when it comes to representing her members and Local 959!



### **Sister Michele Nelson at Clear SFS: A Legacy of Leadership, Loyalty, and Union Pride**

Sister Michele Marie Napoleone Nelson is a 20-year Teamsters Local 959 member and Shop Steward at Clear Space Force Station. She has worked in a few classifications and for several different contractors and is currently a Production Control Coordinator. She was born Jan 12, 1981, in Fairbanks, Alaska, raised in Anderson, Alaska, and graduated from Anderson High School in 1999. She attended UAF for 3 years before working for the State of Alaska DMV. Michele joined Teamsters Local 959 in 2004, becoming the first 3rd-generation Teamster at Clear SFS, Alaska! In her spare time, Michele enjoys spending time with her family in the outdoors hunting, snowmachining, ATVing, traveling, and volunteering with her local community agencies. Sister Nelson is a member of the Local 959 negotiations committee and diligently steps up to represent her Union and fellow members. She is well-respected by her employer and coworkers and always leads with integrity and fairness. She understands the importance of educating her fellow members about the benefits of being part of a Union.





# MEMBERS AROUND



From top and left to right: Brother Dan Hibbert—Granite Construction; Brother Sonny Falemanu Tua—Solid Waste Services; Brother Scott Wilkie—People Mover; Brother Don Knue—Anchorage School District Maintenance & Warehouse; Sister Susan Siufanua-Golden & Brother Manuel Ramos—People Mover; Brothers Manny Flores, Adam Wisemore, & Daniel Sterns—United Parcel Service; Brother Mark Slack—People Mover; Brother Adrian Hart—United Parcel Service.



Right: Brother Sheng Her—People Mover, using the newly won Paternity Leave with his wife, Mai Nhia Xiong, and their newest Teamster Tot, Ivan Her.  
♥ Congratulations to your beautiful family ♥



## MEMBERS ABOUND (NORTH SLOPE SEASON)



### COLDER THAN A BOSS'S HEART — AND WE STILL SHOW UP

Working on Alaska's North Slope isn't for the faint of heart — it demands grit, endurance, and true strength. From brutal weather to long, isolated shifts, it tests even the toughest workers. That's why our Teamsters who take on this challenge stand out — they're built tougher, work harder, and carry the spirit of resilience that defines our union. The North Slope doesn't break them — it proves them.

**When the North freezes over, Teamsters keep rolling!**



## MEMBERS ABOUND

### Driving the Spirit of the Season: Teamster Truckers Haul U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree to Washington



Since 1964, the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree has been selected from a different national forest and displayed on the Capitol's West Lawn. This last year, the tree came from Alaska's Tongass National Forest, with Lynden Transport once again chosen as the carrier. Local 959's John Schank and Fred Austin, both 45+ year Lynden veterans, proudly hauled the tree!

Both Brother Schank & Brother Austin joined Lynden Transport in 1975, and have driven for Lynden a combined 10 million safe miles in Alaska!

Austin began his career with Lynden during the early days of the Alaska oil pipeline construction in Fairbanks. Today, he works as a driver trainer and mentor at the Lynden Training Center in Fairbanks. In 2015, at the age of 79, he completed instructor training, becoming the oldest person in Alaska to take the certification test!

Schank was honored as the Alaska Trucking Association's Driver of the Year in both 2014 and 2017. He also received letters of commendation from

former Alaska Governors Parnell and Walker for nearly 40 years of accident-free driving on the challenging Dalton Highway, which connects Fairbanks to Prudhoe Bay. At that point, Schank had driven 5 million miles on the Dalton — more than any other driver in history. Since then, he has logged 1.1 million accident-free miles!

We couldn't be prouder of Brother John Schank and Brother Fred Austin for their decades of union membership and outstanding driving records. With over 45 years behind the wheel and millions of safe miles logged, they represent the very best of our union's values — dedication, professionalism, and safety on the road.

### IBT Training and Grants Department Sheds Light on the Past to Illuminate the Future

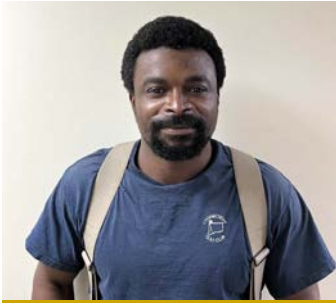
Learning about the history of the Teamsters reminds us that the struggles faced by workers in the past — for fair wages, safe working conditions, and respect on the job — are still relevant today. The victories won through solidarity and sacrifice have shaped the rights we have now, and they continue to inspire us as we confront modern challenges in the workplace. Understanding this history strengthens our commitment to protecting and advancing the labor movement for future generations.



959ers attend an IBT History training in January, learning more about member mobilization and the history of the labor movement.



# ALASKA TEAMSTER-EMPLOYER SERVICE TRAINING TRUST



Brother Dumarsais Estime



Brother Kevin Diaz



Jerry Edwards  
Anchorage Instructor



Brother Juan Rubke



Brother Kale Spencer

## APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM NEWS

We are thrilled to announce the completion of our recent apprenticeship programs. Congratulations to Talon Hill and Kevin Diaz for completing the Construction Driver apprenticeship program this season!

We also welcome our new first-year apprentices, Dumarsais Estime and Kale Spencer, who completed their training on February 28 and immediately headed to work. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that Juan Rubke was selected in Fairbanks for the Freight Transport Driver



Eric Pyles  
Fairbanks Instructor

apprenticeship and will be starting his training this month.

Looking ahead, we will begin a new Construction Driver application period on June 1 for CDL training in September 2025. Stay tuned for more details on how to apply and take the next step in your career.

### Welcome and Farewell

We are excited to welcome two new instructors to our team who started on March 17: Eric Pyles in Fairbanks and Jerry Edwards in Anchorage. Their previous Teamster experiences will be invaluable to our training programs. At the same time, we bid farewell to Pat Tyson, who will be heading back to the field for the summer season. We thank him for his contributions and wish him all the best.

### Fleet Upgrade

We are pleased to inform you that we have recently purchased three new-to-us semi-tractors to replace part of our fleet. Additionally, thanks in part to the support from the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center, we have acquired a new lowboy trailer. These additions will enhance our training capabilities and ensure that our members have access to the best equipment available.

### Winter Training Highlights

This winter, we have provided a variety of training to over 200 members, including CDL upgrades and NSTC training. These programs are designed to prepare our members for work on the North Slope and ensure they have the skills needed to succeed in their roles.

We also remind all members to check their certifications and look for the member training schedule for May 2025, which came out in early April. If you aren't receiving the training schedule emails, go to our website and register on the Teamster Training Member page at <https://www.akteamsterstraining.com/>

We look forward to seeing you in May at the Training Center!

**Stay Safe and Keep Learning!**



Brother Talon Hill receives his Certification with  
Apprenticeship Coordinator, Jordan Black



Brother Kevin Diaz on the Job


# LOCAL 959 EVENTS

## **CALLING ALL SHOP STEWARDS: SPRING STEWARD SCHOOL IS COMING!**

Saturday & Sunday, May 17–18, 2025, Sheraton Hotel

This two-day training is a valuable opportunity to strengthen your skills, connect with fellow stewards, and deepen your role in the Union. Whether you're new to the position or a seasoned advocate, the sessions will cover essential topics including steward responsibilities, grievance handling, union building, and more.

Please reach out to your Business Representative for details on the next available School in 2027, as this year's School is full, or contact Executive Assistant, Jennē Kriner at [jkriner@akteamsters.com](mailto:jkriner@akteamsters.com) or (907) 751-8542.

 **Reminder:** Union Stewards are the first line of defense in protecting members' rights and building solidarity. Your engagement makes all the difference—get involved and help lead the way forward!

## The Shop Steward is the Key Link



## \*WHAT IS A SHOP STEWARD\*

Shop Stewards play a vital role in the representation of our members. A successful Shop Steward must possess several traits, including leadership abilities, good communication skills, and the ability to put aside their own opinions to represent all Teamsters Local 959 represented members professionally and objectively.

A Bargaining Unit's Shop Steward is the go-to Union Representative on the job site. They have several responsibilities from contract enforcement & assisting in grievance procedures, to keeping members informed & motivated about their Union.



**IT'S NOT FOR THE WEAK**

A Shop Steward:

- ◆ is familiar with your contract and can answer general questions;
- ◆ assists new employees in joining the Union and are knowledgeable about the benefits of being a member;
- ◆ is familiar with the grievance procedure and can direct you through the proper steps;
- ◆ is available to help you identify violations of the contract and can assist you in referencing sections of the contract;
- ◆ acts as a liaison between employees and the Union;
- ◆ understands problems and challenges facing your department/company and relays information to the Union;
- ◆ participates in contract negotiations;
- ◆ attends Union meetings and stays current and up to date on Union-wide updates & labor issues.

**If you are interested in becoming a Shop Steward or would like to recommend someone for the role, please reach out to your Business Representative.**



**Opt-in to receive Texts or Calls about meetings, events, and account reminders from Teamsters Local 959!**

**Text the keyword TEAMSTERS to 1 (907) 751-8521.**

**Text messaging rates may apply.**





## LOCAL 959 EVENTS (CONT.)



### SUMMER'S COMING—LET'S CELEBRATE



#### JOIN US FOR THE ANCHORAGE MEMBERSHIP FAMILY BBQ

Saturday, June 14, 2025, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Delaney Park Strip (West end, 10th Ave & P Street)

Get ready for an afternoon of summer fun with your Teamsters family! We're throwing our biggest Membership Family Summer BBQ yet—and you're invited! Bring the whole crew and kick off the season with music, games, food, and unbeatable Union spirit.

🎵 Jam out to DJ Juba's playlist 🎵

🧗 Test your climbing skills on the Rock Wall 🧗

🏀 Dunk a business agent in the dunk tank (they're ready!) 🏀

🍖 Feast on mouthwatering BBQ from Smokehouse BBQ 🍖

✨ And so much more ✨

Look for the big Teamsters Training Trust tractor and trailer—you won't miss us!

➡ Important: This is a private event for members in good standing and their families only.

✓ Not sure of your membership status? Call the Dues Office at 907-751-8521 to confirm.

? Questions? Contact Executive Assistant Jennē Kriner at (907) 751-8542.

**Let's make this the best summer kickoff ever—we can't wait to see you there!**

### 41ST ANNUAL JESSE L. CARR CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT SWING INTO SUMMER FOR A CAUSE

Friday, July 11, 2025, Anchorage Golf Course, 7:00 AM Shotgun Start

There is nothing like Springtime in Alaska – the brighter, longer days, the greenery coming back, the temps getting higher little by little, and planning summer days on the greens. This year, the Jesse L. Carr Charity Golf Tournament proudly celebrates its 41st year of making a meaningful difference across Alaska.



Our premier charity golf event has become a beloved tradition, thanks to your generous support. Over the years, funds raised have helped sustain a wide range of vital organizations including Katie's Handprint, AWAIC Shelter, Clare House, Boys & Girls Club, STAR Alaska, Covenant House, Alaska Children's Trust, The Scotty Gomez Foundation, Special Olympics Alaska, Children's Lunchbox, the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Alaska, and many more.

In a time when nonprofits face ever-growing challenges, your participation matters more than ever.

We invite you to join us at the Anchorage Golf Course on **Friday, July 11, 2025**, for a **7:00 a.m. shotgun start**. Enjoy a day of friendly competition, exciting prizes, an unforgettable raffle, and the kind of camaraderie that makes this event so special.

Thank you for being part of this incredible legacy. We can't wait to see you on the course! For info on becoming a sponsor and/or playing in the tournament, please email the Tournament Coordinator, Jennē Kriner at [jkriner@akteamsters.com](mailto:jkriner@akteamsters.com) or call (907) 751-8542.



### FAIRBANKS MEMBERSHIP FAMILY PICNIC – YOU'RE INVITED!



Saturday, August 9, 2025, 12 PM – 3 PM, Pioneer Park, Wilderness Pavilion

Enjoy delicious picnic fare, music, and activities for all ages the whole family will love! From hot dogs and burgers to sweet summer fun like ice cream and a train ride, this event is about celebrating our Local 959 community together.

➡ Important: This is a private event for members in good standing and their families only.

✓ Not sure of your membership status? Call the Dues Office at 907-751-8521 to confirm.

? Questions? Contact Executive Assistant Jennē Kriner at (907) 751-8542.

🍴 **Food, fun, and family time, what more could you ask for? Can't wait to see you!** 🍴

# TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELFARE AND PENSION FUNDS

## TRUST NEWS

New logo alert! Soon, the logo for Trust Fund-related correspondence and material will be changed. Beginning in May 2025, all trust communication material will be updated with our new logo seen here on the right!



## HEALTH & WELFARE

Did you know you have access to a personalized care plan and coaching to help accomplish your health goals related to musculoskeletal (back, muscle, and joint) health at no cost to you?



Virtual Physical Therapy with Hinge Health, a digital exercise therapy clinic, offers programs designed to treat muscle and joint pain from head to toe, including back, knee, elbow, and more.

Whether you're hoping to overcome nagging pain, recover from recent injuries, prepare for surgery, or find new strategies to stay healthy and pain-free, Hinge Health will assess your condition and match you to a care team to help personalize your treatment.

Hinge Health programs are available to you and your eligible 18+ dependents **at no cost**. Plus, you can complete your customized care plan anywhere, any time.

See how Hinge Health can help you at: [hinge.health/alaskateamsters](https://hinge.health/alaskateamsters)

If you have any questions, contact Hinge Health at (855) 902-2777 or [hello@hingehealth.com](mailto:hello@hingehealth.com).



Communicating employee benefits is challenging! Benefits language can be confusing with acronyms like *EOB*, *HIPAA*, *PPA*, *PHI*, etc. Phrases such as *co-insurance* and *co-payment* are often used interchangeably, confusing an already complicated world of benefits. Understanding this complexity, the Trustees put out a Referral for a Proposal for communication services and, after a due diligence process, selected Aukema & Associates as a strategic communications partner.



Aukema & Associates is assisting with enhancing the Trust's website for better navigation and straightforward access to your Pension and Health and Welfare benefit questions.

The goal is to increase engagement and improve your experience with retirement and health, and welfare navigation. It also aims to help participants and retirees find the information and resources needed to manage their health benefits and financial well-being.

**Stay tuned for a new [www.959trusts.com](http://www.959trusts.com) website launch coming soon!**



## PENSION

Attention Retirees! The Annual Certification Notice will be mailed in July 2025 and is due no later than September 10, 2025. If you have moved, please contact the Trust office to provide an updated address and phone number.

**Contact the Health & Welfare and Pension Offices at 1-800-478-4450**



# CELEBRATING MILESTONES

**C**ongratulations to the following individuals who have achieved so many years of continuous dues-paying membership with Local 959!

## DECEMBER 2024

Jemuel Jones	10
Kong Moua	10
Pio Timu	15
Donald Pennell	15
Stephen Hill	15
John Tovsen	20
Vongphachanh Thongdy	20
Donald Akers	30
Sherri Anderson	30
Ruben Celario	35
Robert Tarkington	35
✧ Linnea Stein	50 ✧
✧ John Logsdon	50 ✧

## JANUARY 2025

Frederick Negus	10
Matthew Brown	10
Halee Bradshaw	10
Carolyn Kauffman	10
Joel Sayson	15
Sherry Farris	15
Nestor Cadavos	15
Vang Herr	15
Hector Zetino	15
Cory Sant	15
Timothy Foster	20
Steve Fisher	25
Kerry Wells	30
Wayne Ouzts	30
James Moss	30
Linda Stearns	35
✧ Knox "Tony" Chain	60 ✧
✧ Eugene Augustin	60 ✧

## FEBRUARY 2025

James Pruitt	10
Doug Lanni	10
Barbara Paikert	10
Rhommel Solis	10
Danielle Poindexter	10
Chaffin Timothy	10
William Helm	10
Alejandro Pulido	10
Kevin Bowers	15
Francisco Tadashi Sr.	15
Kevin Hatch	15
Darrell Dixon	15
Heather Mchenry	20
Jennie James	20
Khampheng Thongdy	20
Tracy Brown	20
James Duffy	25
James McMilon	25
Kenneth Dallas	30
Darren Hill	35
Scott Wilkie	35
Paul Henderson	35
✧ Robert Bayer	50 ✧
✧ Terry Quirk	50 ✧
✧ George Berry	50 ✧
✧ Heather Sewell	55 ✧

## MARCH 2025

Patrick Freitas	10
Uriel Medina	10
Sarah Miller	10
David Solomon	10
Josh Hunt	10
Gage Herfindahl	10
Daniel Blair	15

Dominique Corbitt	15
Renierhero Igaya	15
James Robertson	15
Steven Stanley	15
Quentin Deyette	15
Michael Maddox	20
David Dixon	20
Jeremy Hoffman	20
Zeban Howard	25
Brent Seibert	25
Gilbert Wilson	30
Robert Sedlacek	40
✧ Harry McNeal	50 ✧
✧ Charles Muehlenkamp	50 ✧
✧ Gordon Bailey	50 ✧
✧ Debra Morris	50 ✧
✧ Dan Carroll	50 ✧
✧ Rodney Anderson Jr	50 ✧

## APRIL 2025

Ruben Natividad	10
Toni Mckinnon	10
Felix Mangampo	10
Sara Young	10
Lance Grohall	10
Omar Caballa	15
Amy Spickler	15
Henry Malpaya	15
Kendrick Lewis	15
Rhomel Mallari	15
Rebecca Tucker	20
James Donaldson	20
Michael Atwood	40
Valerie Melarvie	45
✧ Paul Henry	50 ✧
✧ Warren Schimmeyer	50 ✧
✧ James Moore	50 ✧
✧ John Etcheverry	50 ✧
✧ Roger Brooks	50 ✧
✧ John Snyder	55 ✧

## FROM DAY ONE TO DECADES STRONG: THE VALUE OF UNION MEMBERSHIP

As a new member, know that every year you spend in the union builds something bigger than yourself. Longtime union members wear their years of membership with pride because each one represents a continued stand for fairness, solidarity, and dignity at work. One day, you'll look back and feel that same pride — knowing you were part of a legacy that made a real difference for working people.



Sister Elizabeth Tamas, Brother Jarrod Jackson, Brother Seth Johnson, and Sister Brooke Buttrum—UPS

# CELEBRATING RETIREES

**C**ongratulations to the following Members for their years of service and on a retirement well-deserved!

## DECEMBER 2024

Clark A Boyer	ARCTEC Alaska
Dora Coen	Brice, Inc.
Kenneth R Bucy	Matanuska Maid
Leslie B Kini	United Freight & Transport, Inc.
Luis A Zetino	Anchorage School District
Michelle L Kohinka	Safeway, Inc. dba Carrs/Safeway
Perry Mendenhall	Lynden Transport, Inc
Peter S Crews	Eastwind, Inc.
Terry N Grabow	Doyon/Aramark
Thomas W Wright	AT&T Alaska

## JANUARY 2025

Cloyd Robinson	Doyon/Aramark
Cynthia Koop	Doyon/Aramark
Jerry Sanders	AILU #1 Longshore
Leroy G Wallace	Wien Airlines
Marc Meindl	Arctic Slope Technical Svc
Robert Haller	Matson Navigation of Alaska
Roger Voorhis	Weaver Bros.
Sandra Babuka	Doyon/Aramark

## FEBRUARY 2025

Brian K Cunningham	Elmendorf Support Svc
Dale N Alexander	Matson Navigation of Alaska
Donald L Drake	ARCTEC Alaska
Edgardo Rosario	Sea Star Stevedore, Co.
Jeffrey A Winkler	Arctic Slope World Svc
John P Karoly	Merrick Management, Inc.

Larry O'Kelley  
Mary Michael

Wolf Creek Federal Svc  
InDyne, Inc.

## MARCH 2025

Charles F. Raubeson	J.B. Gottstein & Company
David K Jones	AT&T Alaska
Denise D Smith	Chugach World Scv, Inc.
Donald J. Siebels	Exclusive Paving
Eric M. Hughes	AT&T Alaska
James D Boatright	Weaver Bros.
Jeffrey J. Taylor	Safeway, Inc.
John C. Holmquist	Weaver Bros.
Joyce Oswald	Doyon/Aramark
Kenneth D. Stratton	Juneau Ready Mix
Kenneth L. Gallagher	Arctic Slope World Svc
Mark R. Owen	ALSCO, Inc.
Michael J Davidson	Interstate Brands
Peter J. Henderson	AT&T Alaska
Ray M Lee	Lynden Transport, Inc.
Thuha Nakasone	Anchorage School District
William G Eubank	AT&T Alaska

## APRIL 2025

Andrew Grozier	AILU #1 Longshore
Barbara M Paikert	United Parcel Service, Inc.
Charles E. McNamee	World Technical Services, Inc.
Dean G. Steven	AILU #1 Longshore
Douglas A Stroble	United Freight & Transport, Inc.
Helena K. Gish	AT&T Alaska
Jacob F Castonguay	Choctaw Defense Svc
James C. Fowler	Great Northwest
Scott R. Pederson	United Parcel Service, Inc.
Sidney G Pruitt Jr	Matson Navigation of Alaska
William R MacPherson	Chenega Base & Logistics Svc LLC



Retiree Marshall "Buddy" Bise dons his Teamsters swag—How's that retirement going, Buddy 😊



Retiree Lloyd "Skip" Weeks receives a gold diamond-dialed watch in recognition of his 70+ years with 959!

## FROM THE JOB TO THE LEGACY: A TEAMSTER'S RETIREMENT

Retiring as a Teamster is a milestone to be proud of. It means you've stood strong through years of hard work, solidarity, and commitment to your fellow members. Your dedication helped build the strength of our union and paved the way for those who follow. You didn't just work a job — you helped shape a movement.

*Enjoy your well-earned retirement with pride and honor!*



# IN MEMORY ♥ DECEASED BROTHERS & SISTERS

## DECMEBER 2024 & Not Previously Listed

Marlyn D Kirkvold	Weaver Bros.
Jose Arana	Alutiiq Management
Nellie Drew	Anchorage School District
Peter Evans	ITT Federal Services, Inc.
Ronald Lee	Kodiak Oil Field
Edward J Hyatt	Martin Marietta Operation
Terry B. Jorgens	AT&T Alaska
Frederick DiNicola	Houston Construction
Orville Shockey	Golden Valley Elec. Association
Robert Anderson	Weim Air AK/Payroll
Elizabeth Auer	CSX Lines of Alaska LLC
Dennis Morris	Alaska Interior Transport
John Bean	J W Bean Professional
Sidney Sherfick	K & L Distributors
Rex C Poe Jr.	Taywood-Berg-Riedel JV
Annie Vanderpool	Bering Straits Technical SVC LLC
June E. Witofsky	Anchorage School District
Robert Robinson	AHTNA Construction
James Pickett	Alutiiq Management
Phillip Stamper	Martin Marietta Operation
Willie Wesson	K & L Distributors
Joseph Gilligan	RCA AK Communications
Larry Henrichs	Hustlers, Inc.
John Haley	New Wien Airlines, Inc.
Roger Rudd	Fairbanks Sand & Gravel

## JANUARY 2025

Neina Mccune	Doyon/Aramark
Shirley Reynolds	Alascom Inc.
Noel Thompson	A.I.C LLC
Patrick McAplin	AILU #1 Longshore
Barrett Gordon	Alaska Frontier Construction
Julian Godziszewski	Interstate Brands
Jens Graham	Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc.
Philip E Shackleton	Price Potashnick Codell
William McNeight	Black Gold Express, Inc.

William Wilsonoff

Mukluk Freight Lines

## FEBRUARY 2025

Irene R Wojciechowski  
David C. Stogdill  
Chris Olsen  
Jack Digel  
Robert Gaylor  
Kenneth Hilbert  
Ed Allen  
Joan P. Dickerhoff  
James Haydock

CSX Lines of Alaska LLC  
AT&T Alaska  
H.C. Price Company  
AILU #1 Longshore  
United Freight & Transport, Inc.  
CSX Lines of Alaska LLC  
AILU #1 Longshore  
Teamsters Local 959  
Lynden Transport, Inc.

## MARCH 2025

Robert Testu  
Warren Woolard  
Louis Mabry  
Dean Talley  
David A. Stevenson  
Joseph Pinzone  
Terry Risinger  
Gregory L Morris  
Lillian G. Walters  
Steven J Nigh  
Jacqueline Kinsey  
Bradley K Snowden  
John T. Piper Jr.  
Eldrid Lyshol

Pan Alaska Trucking, Inc.  
ITT Federal Services Corp.  
Anchorage School District  
H & B Surveyors  
K & L Distributors  
AK Teamster Employer SVS  
AILU #1 Longshore  
Norcon, Inc.  
Wien Air AK/Payroll  
AILU#1 Longshore  
Alascom, Inc.  
ASRC Houston  
Morrison Knudsen Company, Inc.  
AT&T Alaska

## APRIL 2025

Fredrick W Negus  
Leslie L. Younie  
David R. Holdiman  
Russell A Sperry Jr  
Joseph Price-Obrien  
Gerald D Amundson  
Richard Mageske  
Thomas Anderson

AILU #1 Longshore  
Ken Brady Construction Co.  
Sea Star Stevedore Co.  
ARCTEC Alaska  
ARCTEC Alaska  
Norcon, Inc.  
Alascom PTI  
ARCTEC Services

## [GO TO VSP.COM/OFFERS FOR DISCOUNTS](https://www.vsp.com/offers-for-discounts)

The Trust reminds those members with VSP vision insurance to make your annual eye exam appointments with your VSP provider, AND get yourself some discounted sunglasses while you're at it 😊



Business Representative Norm Blair donates Blood during the Labor Bleeds for a cause event held in Anchorage every January ♥

**\* Give the Gift of Life \***

Contact your local area blood bank,  
and donate blood this May!





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